

restrictive economic measures which it had imposed on India after May 1998.

Proposal to combat terrorism by India and Russia

2085. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Russia proposed to combat global terrorism jointly;

(b) if so, the details of working group formed for this purpose; and

(c) when the proposals are likely to be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) The issue of international terrorism has been among the subject of discussion between India and the Russian Federation at the highest level as also Ministerial and other levels. Both India and the Russian Federation are committed to take joint action to eliminate this menace.

(b) and (c) The Protocol of Cooperation between the National Security Council of India and the Security Council of the Russian Federation, signed in New Delhi in April 2000, envisages the formation of a Joint Coordination Group to enhance mutual cooperation in combating international terrorism. Modalities on the setting up of the Joint Coordination Group are under discussion.

Sanctions against India after Pokhran tests

2086. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of countries who continue to employ/enforce sanctions against India after the Pokhran test;

(b) the nature of such sanctions by each country;

(c) what is the impact of such sanctions on economy trade and other areas; and

(d) what steps has the Government have taken against the countries who continue to enforce such sanctions?